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The Honorable Carl Hayden
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In my testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee in support of my request for the balance of funds authorized for the construction of the new headquarters building for the Central Intelligence Agency I neglected to comment specifically on the status of the acquisition of the Langley site.

I am attaching hereto a brief statement covering this matter which I would appreciate very much having incorporated in the record as a part of my presentation.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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STATUS OF LAND ACQUISITION

1. As background information on the actual transfer of jurisdiction for the purposes of construction of the building, it should be noted that there are currently two agencies of the Executive Branch which have jurisdiction over the site in question.

a. The National Park Service has jurisdiction over a 60-foot strip of land running through the site originally intended to provide access to the George Washington Memorial Parkway for the benefit of the owners of the Leiter Estate. The Government eventually acquired title to the entire Leiter Estate thus extinguishing the easement. The Park Service, in a letter to this Agency of 18 May 1956, has stated,

"This Service will declare the land involved as excessas soon as a metes and bounds declaration is prepared by the Bureau of Public Roads and clearance has been secured from the National Capital Planning Commission."

b. The principal portion of the land concerned is under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Public Roads, which has stated, in a letter dated 21 February 1955, that:

"....the Bureau agrees to the release for use by your Agency of approximately 100 acres of the tract contingent upon an understanding with respect to the required survey, the provision of a dividing fence, and other pertinent considerations."

Subsequently, in a letter of 3 October 1955, the Bureau increased the area to 140 acres.

2. Discussions have been held with the General Services Administration and arrangements have been generally agreed upon for transfer of jurisdiction of the land concerned to the Agency in accordance with procedures as prescribed by law.

3. With respect to the 60-foot strip of land currently under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, the Service has applied to the National Capital Planning Commission for clearance of their proposed action in declaring the land excess to Park Service needs. This is in accord with current Park Service practices.

4. At the present time, the National Capital Planning Commission staff has sent forward mailed ballots to each of the members of the Commission requesting an expression of their views. As you are aware, however, the National Capital Planning Commission has already approved the location of our building on the Langley site.